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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

The present Amendment is submitted in reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 17, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire May 17, 2006.

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